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SUBJECT: UAE CONSIDERS COLLECTING SOCIETY FOR RECORDED MUSIC

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(SBU) On June 9, EconOff and EconAssistant met with Fawzi Al Jaber, Deputy Director of Intellectual Works Office at the Ministry of Economy (MoE), to follow up on reftels' Special 301 demarche. EconOff urged the MoE to establish a collecting society for recorded music and to promote better IPR enforcement in free trade zones. Al Jaber said that establishing a collecting society is one of the MoE's priorities, but requires good preparation given the lack of UAE and GCC expertise. He said the MoE is planning to conduct a workshop to promote public awareness about collecting societies to pave the way for future implementation. The MoE will also raise this issue in upcoming meetings with GCC and Arab League officials. Al Jaber told EconOff that he was in contact with resident legal experts including lawyers and academicians for assistance, and MoE may send officials to France to see the French experience with collecting societies.
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